(b) The MEGSAT Scheme is being implemented through existing training institutions and by utilising the expertise and facilities available in academic and research institutions. As such, it is not proposed to set up or equip any institution for this purpose.

(c) Under the Scheme, private institutions e.g. voluntary agencies and non governmental organisations having past experience in related fields can be considered for providing financial assistance to meet the cost of training only.

TWENTY YEAR OLD PREDICTION ON RECENT EARTHQUAKE

3269. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD :
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that two geophysicist Shri N. G. Neogi and N. Krishna Brahman had predicted 20 years ago that an earthquake would occur in the fault zone of the Kurduwadi rift valley beneath the Deccan traps along which the epicentre of the recent earthquake laid;

(b) whether the villagers of affected villages had requested the authorities in 1992 to take steps as during that year they had felt quake shocks very often;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the authorities in this matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI) : (a) Dr. J. Negi and Dr. N. Krishna Brahman in their note published in 1973 postulated the existence of a rift near Kuruduwadi extending from northwest to southeast epicentre of the Latur earthquake on 30-9-93 was, however, more than 100 km. northeast of Kuruduwadi rift as postulated by them. It will, therefore, not be scientifically convincing to say that the Latur earthquake was due to this geological feature near Kuruduwadi.

(b) India Meteorological Department, on the request of Maharashtra Government, a Senior Seismologist was sent to Latur for field Survey in October, 1992.

(c) After the occurrence of earthquake of 18th October, 1992 field parties were sent to Latur by GSI and IMD for survey.

(d) After the survey, a report was sent to the Government of Maharashtra, giving the scientific assessment of seismicity of the area and past history of earthquakes in the region.

मेघालय में यूरेनियम के भंडार

3270. श्री शारदा मुद्गली :

श्री सोमपाल :

क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान दिनांक 3 सितम्बर 1993 के "राष्ट्रीय सहारा, दिल्ली" में "मेघालय में कच्चा यूरेनियम उत्खनन का विरोध राजनीति से प्रेरित" शीर्षक के अंतर्गत प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर आकर्षित किया गया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो वहां यूरेनियम का कितना भंडार उपलब्ध होने का अनुमान है;

(ग) अब तक निकाले गये यूरेनियम की कुल मात्रा कितनी है;

(घ) क्या यह भी सच है कि उत्खनन कार्य में कुछ विदेशी कामगारों को भी काम में लगाया जा रहा है; और

(ङ) यदि हां, तो उनकी संख्या कितनी है तथा इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

प्रधान मंत्री कार्यालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा परमाणु ऊर्जा विभाग और अंतरिक्ष विभाग में राज्य मंत्री तथा विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्रालय में राज्यमंत्री का अतिरिक्त प्रभार (श्री भुवनेश चतुर्वेदी) :